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TO

JOHN JOY EDSON

BY HIS

FRIENDS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS

AT A

DINNER

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS

SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

MAY THE SEVENTEENTH

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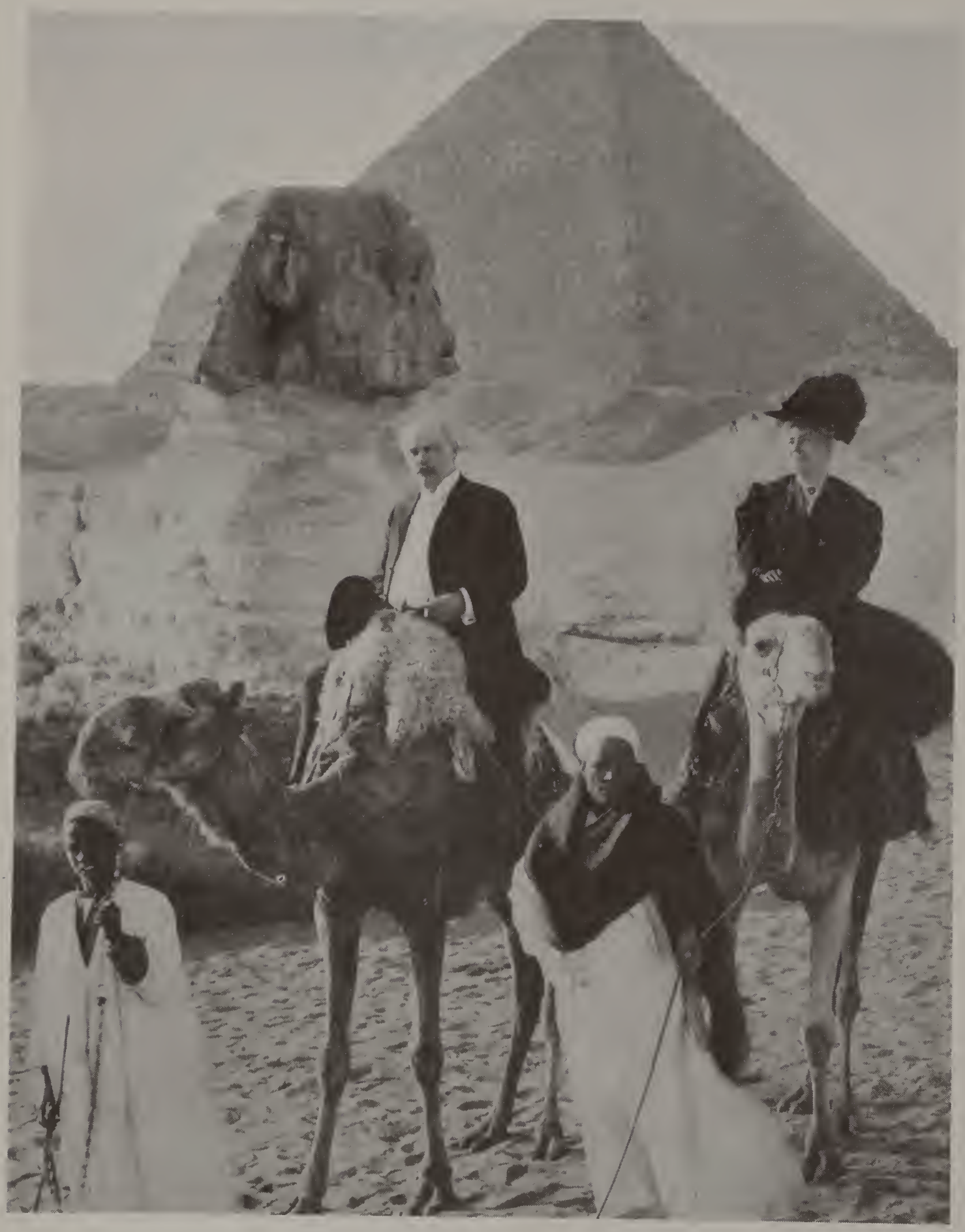

MR. AND MRS. JOHN JOY EDSON
EXPLORING EGYPT, 1907

JOHN JOY EDSON

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CANAPE COLUMBIA

BISQUE OF NEW ASPARAGUS, EXCELSIOR

CELERY HEARTS QUEEN OLIVES SALTED NUTS

AIGUILETTE OF CHESAPEAKE BASS, SAUTE MEUNIERE

SUPREME OF QUEEN CHICKEN, PERIGEUX

GREEN PEAS, PANACHEE POTATOES, PALESTINE

COLD SMITHFIELD HAM, GARNI

SALAD ROMAINE, FRENCH DRESSING

PEACH MELBA, GLACE

FANCY CAKES

CIGARS COFFEE CIGARETTES

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Justice Circuit Court of Appeals

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Dean School of Medicine, Georgetown University

Songs by

Mrs. FLORA McGILL KEEFER

John Joy Edson

BORN in Jefferson, Ohio, May 17, 1846. Educated in public school until 1861. Served in 61st New York Volunteers, 1861-1862, and at General Sumner's Headquarters, 1862-1863.

Appointed a messenger in the Treasury Department March, 1863; shortly after a clerk in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and resigned in 1875.

Attended night school and Columbia Law School (now George Washington University), graduating in 1868, and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia the same year.

Married, March 1, 1869, Miss Elizabeth Berthrong, in Rochester, New York.

Member of Kit Carson Post, G. A. R.

Member of Columbia Lodge, F. A. A. M.

With his brother, Joseph R. Edson, engaged in patent law practice from 1875 to 1881, when he withdrew from the firm.

Secretary of several building associations—the Franklin, Jefferson, and Arlington, 1870—until all their shares matured and were redeemed and the associations wound up after a successful career.

Organized in 1879 the Equitable Co-operative Building Association on the plan of issuing stock continuously in series, and acted as secretary until 1898, 19 years; since then as its president, 23 years to date.

Charter stockholder of the Washington Loan and Trust Co., organized in 1889. Elected Vice-President that year and President in 1894, remaining in that office until 1917, over 23 years, when he declined re-election. Then elected chairman of the Board of Directors, which position he still holds.

Charter member of the Columbia National Bank, organized in 1887, and elected a director.

For several years served on the Board of Directors of the National Metropolitan Bank and the Potomac Fire Insurance Company.

Chairman of the Citizens' Executive Committee to receive and entertain in 1892 the first G. A. R. reunion in Washington after the great parade in 1865.

Member of Presidential Inaugural Executive Committees—Harrison, 1889; Cleveland, 1893; McKinley, 1897 and 1901; Roosevelt, 1905; Taft, 1909; Wilson, 1913—and was chairman of the second McKinley Inaugural Committee in 1901.

Member of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of the American Red Cross during the Spanish-American War.

President of National Homeopathic Hospital, 1889-1895.

President of Civil Service Reform Association of the District of Columbia, 1895-1907.

Treasurer of Associated Charities from 1897 to 1921.

Treasurer of the George Washington University 1903-1905 and trustee, 1917-1921.

President of the Washington Board of Trade 1900 and re-elected 1901.

Member and President of Government Board of Charities appointed by the President, 1900 to 1921.

Member of the Board of the Trustees and Treasurer of the National Geographic Society, 1901 to 1921.

Member of the Board and Treasurer of Washington Sanitary Improvement Co. since organization, in 1900.

Director and Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A. since its organization, nine years.

Member of the Prison Commission—Judge W. P. Stafford, chairman—appointed by President Roosevelt, under an act of Congress, making their report January 1, 1909. They are still members of the Commission.

President of John Dickson Home for Old Men since organization, 1912-1921.

Member of Board and Treasurer of National Association for Constitutional Government from organization to date.

Delegate to Pan American Financial Conferences, held at Washington in 1915 and 1919.

Chairman of Appeal Board, Soldiers' Selective Service, 1917-1918.

Chairman of Capitol Issue Committee for District of Columbia during the war.

Member of Visiting Board of St. Elizabeth's, U. S. Government Hospital.

Member of Cosmos, University, National Press, City, and Art Clubs.

Declined on two occasions position of Commissioner for the District of Columbia, tendered by President Harrison in 1893 and by President McKinley in 1901.

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